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FOLLOWING ARE MISSION COMMENTS ON AGENDA OF UPU EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
PLENARY SESSION TO BE HELD IN BERN MAY 8-16, 1975 (COMMITTEES MEET
MAY 1-8):

1. OPENING OF SESSION BY PRESIDENT AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ROUTINE

2. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DG SOBHI:

A) COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF (10) EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL COMMITTEES: EC WILL BE ASKED TO ACCEPT LAUSANNE CONGRESS
DECISION ESTABLISHING 10 EC COMMITTEES AND OUTLINING THEIR
COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE.
B) CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBER STATES BY THEIR SHARE OF EXPENSES
OF UNION: DG REPORTS THAT HE HAS ASKED USSR, PRC TO ACCEPT
CLASSIFICATION AS 50 UNIT CONTRIBUTORS; AND HAS ALSO ASKED
SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, ALGERIA AND LIBYA (OIL PRODUCING
ARAB STATES) TO INCREASE THEIR UNIT CLASSIFICATIONS.
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HE SAID SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, ALGERIA HAD AGREED TO

DO SO AND HE WAS NOW IN NEGOTIATION WITH LIBYAN AMBASSADOR (BERN) REGARDING LIBYA'S CLASSIFICATION. HE ADDED THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR, BERN, HAD INDICATED MOSCOW MIGHT AGREE TO 50 UNIT CLASSIFICATION, BUT THAT CHINESE WERE LESS SURE. HE SAID CHINESE HAD INVITED HIM TO VISIT PEKING (PROBABLY IN 1976) AND THAT HE HOPED AT THAT TIME TO OBTAIN POSITIVE ANSWER TO HIS REQUEST THAT CHINA INCREASE ITS CLASSIFICATION TO 50 UNIT CLASS.

3. APPROVAL OF RULES OF PROCEDURE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: REPORT OF DG. DG WILL REQUEST EC APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO RULES FORMALIZING DECISION OF LAUSANNE CONGRESS THAT CCPS OFFICERS BE AWARDED EC OBSERVER STATUS. HE SAID EC WOULD ALSO BE IN POSITION TO MAKE POLICY RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS TO EC MEETINGS TO NEXT UPU CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN BRAZIL IN 1979.

4. APPROVAL OF REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF UNION, 1974: NOTE FROM DG: ROUTINE.

5. RELATIONS WITH UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: REPORT OF DG: ROUTINE.
6-15. REPORTS OF 10 COMMITTEES ON THEIR WORK DURING PERIOD MAY 1-8.

16. REPORT OF CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL FOR POSTAL STUDIES (CCPS): PLANS FOR NEW STUDIES FOR PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT UPU CONGRESS IN 1979 WILL BE CONSIDERED. EIGHT OFFICERS OF CCPS ENTITLED TO SIT AS OBSERVERS ON EC UNDER TERMS OF LAUSANNE CONGRESS DECISION ARE BELGIUM (CHAIRMAN); USA, USSR, FRANCE, INDIA, TUNISIA, ARGENTINA AND NIGERIA (VICE CHARMEN).

17. REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF UPU PENSION FUND: (UPU IS NOT MEMBER OF UN JOINT STAFF PENSION FUND). PRESIDENT WILL GIVE ANNUAL SUMMARY OF STATUS OF FUND.

18. UPU INTERNATIONAL BUREAU BUILDING: REPORT OF DG: DG SOBHI WILL REPORT THAT UPU BUILDING HAS HAD SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH ITS ROOF AND AS NONE OF THOSE CONCERNED WITH BUILDING (ARCHITECT, BUILDERS, SUB-CONTRACTORS, ETC.) WILL ACCEPT UNCLASSIFIED

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEAKS, UPU ITSELF IS FOUND "HOLDING BAG." DG WILL NEVERTHELESS REPORT THAT UPU 1975 BUDGET CAN COVER COSTS OF REPAIRS, APPROXIMATELY 60,000 SF.

19. STATISTICAL SERVICE OF INTERNATIONAL BUREAU: DG WILL REPORT ON IMPLICATIONS OF LAUSANNE CONGRESS DIRECTIVE THAT IB ESTABLISH NEW STATISTICAL SERVICE. HE WILL STATE THAT SERVICE DIRECTOR HAS ALREADY BEEN APPOINTED FROM EXISTING

UPU STAFF, BUT HE WILL NEVERTHELESS ASK EC CONCURRENCE
THAT SERVICE BE ESTABLISHED AND APPROVAL OF HIS PROPOSAL TO
EMPLOY TWO MORE PROFESSIONALS TO STAFF NEW SERVICE.

20. DECISIONS TO TAKE CONCERNING IB PERSONNEL: REPORT OF
DG: DG SOBHI WILL ASK EC TO CHANGE PROCEDURES REGARDING
APPOINTMENTS. HE WILL CITE CASE OF EC NOMINATION IN 1974
OF A SENECALESE TO TAKE IB POSITION. NOMINEE NEVER
REPORTED TO BERN AND UPU HAS HENCE GONE A FULL YEAR WITHOUT
SERVICES OF OFFICER REQUIRED. HE WILL THEREFORE ASK THAT IN
FUTURE EC AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENTS WITH TIME LIMITS FOR COMING
ON JOB. IN SHORT, IF NOMINEE DOES NOT REPORT FOR DUTY
WITHIN REASONABLE PERIOD (3 MONTHS WAS SUGGESTED), DG WOULD
BE AUTHORIZED TO FILL POST WITH HIS OWN APPOINTMENT.

21. PROPOSITIONS, WISHES AND SUGGESTIONS SUBMITTED BY POSTAL
ADMINISTRATIONS: DG SAID THESE USUALLY COVERED BY COMMITTEE
WORK AND USUALLY INCLUDE SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR UPU AID TO
ADMINISTRATIONS. THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE NO DOCUMENT FOR
THIS ITEM.

2. DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: NOTE FROM DG:
DG WILL PROPOSE THREE WEEKS IN MAY 1976: 10 WORKING DAYS
FOR COMMITTEES AND ONE WEEK FOR PLENARY.

23. OTHER BUSINESS: AT THIS DATE, DG, DDG KNOW OF NO ITEM
THAT SHOULD ARISE. AGENDAS OF 10 COMMITTEES: ALTHOUGH 10 EC
COMMITTEES EACH HAVE DETAILED AGENDAS MISSION WILL NOT SUBMIT
NOTES ON EACH ITEM. OF INTEREST TO USG, HOWEVER, COMMITTEE 9
(TECHNICAL COOPERATION) WILL HAVE DG'S REPORT SHOWING THAT
WHEREAS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO UPU'S SPECIAL FUND (FOR TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE) DO NOT EXCEED 300,000 SF PER YEAR AT PRESENT,
CURRENT DEMANDS FOR ASSISTANCE PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED BY
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THIS FUND TOTAL 900,000 SF OR THREE TIMES THE RESOURCES
AVAILABLE. DG WILL APPEAL FOR GREATER CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THIS FUND. DALE

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